# CITY of BOSTON



### THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

The Affordable Connectivity Program offers eligible households up to \$30/month for internet service (and \$100 as a one-time discount for a device).

#### WHAT IS IT?

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) helps eligible households meet their digital needs for the next five years.

If eligible, the ACP pays up to \$30/month for broadband internet service or wireless data. If your bill is \$30 or less, that means you get free service!

The ACP also offers a one-time discount of up to \$100 towards a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer. A list of service providers that offer the device discount can be seen here<sup>1</sup>.

The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household. <sup>2</sup>

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Households with an income at or below 200% of the national poverty line.

Households where any member falls into one of these categories:

- You participate in certain assistance programs such as SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, Federal Public Housing Assistance, WIC, Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefits, or <u>Lifeline</u>.
- You participate in one of several Tribal programs.
- You received a federal Pell Grant in the current award year.
- You received benefits through a school lunch or breakfast program.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

- Submit an application online at AffordableConnectivity.gov.
- Through the mail in either English or Spanish.<sup>3</sup>
- Contact an internet provider directly. Use this <u>online tool</u><sup>4</sup> to find a participating provider near you if you do not have one.

To find out more about the ACP, check out the <u>program website</u><sup>5</sup>, call Boston's Broadband & Cable Office at 617-635-3112, or email <u>Digital.Equity@boston.gov</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> fcc.gov/affordable-connectivity-program-providers#Massachusetts

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A household is a group of people who live together and share money, while those who live together and *do not* share money are each their own separate household. Households qualify for ACP if any member meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income program.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> affordableconnectivity.gov/how-to-apply

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> affordableconnectivity.gov